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The most comantic coronation which The most romantic coronation which history records (says a writer in the 'English Illustrated Magazine'') took place in the year 1429, within the ancient Cathedral of Rheims, when Charles VII, of France received the crown won for him by the noble exertions of that wenderful maid, Joan of Arc, whose memory so many poets have commemorated, and the plain unvarnished story of whose life is perhaps. commemorated, and the plain unvar-nished story of whose life is perhaps the most inexplicable, as it is the most fascinating, the world has ever known. The simple country girl, leaving her humble duties in her native village, in obedience to heavenly voices which hade her save France cut of the hands of the enemy, had, after many glorious victories to which she led on her men with dauntless courage, at last reach-ed the height of her ambition, in seeing the crown placed on the brow of ...e

lawful King of France.

The cathedral presented a brilliant spectacle on this occasion; the King, young, tall, and handsome, bare-head-The cathedral presented a brilliant spectacle on this occasion; the King, young, tall, and handsome bare-headed, and robed in crimson velvet and ermine, decorated with gold and pearls, entered with an imposing retinue. The building was crowded, it is said, to its utmost capacity by "a munitude of both sexes, the noblest and fairest of the province," Yet it was one figure alone which gave to this corenation the enduring fame that no mere brilliancy. alone which gave to this coronation the enduring fame that no mere brilliancy could have secured for it. As Martin, in his "Historie de France" says: There was one present who more than all in that assembly fixed the attention of every eye and engaged the interest of every heart—it was Jeanne the Maid, who holdies have a related. who, holding her standard erect, stood near the altar—a celestial creature, on whom streamed these mysterious rays of light through the rich coloring of the windows above her head, which made her look like the angel of France presiding over the resuscitation of the kingdom she had saved.

great ceremony, crowned and anointed King of France, and the Archbishop had pronounced the Benediction, a very touching and, in the history of Coro-nations, an unprecedented scene, took place. Joan of Arc, suddenly putting her standard aside, flung herself at the King's feet, and with tears of joy streaming down her cheeks congratu-lated blim, and at the same time anlated him, and at the same time en-treated him, now that her mission was

When asked by King Charles at his Coronation to name any grace or favor, however great, which she might desire for herself as a reward for her great services, Joan replied with a rare and marvellous unselfahness, that all she desired was that her native village, Domremy, poor and hard pressed by reason of the war, might have its taxes or 360 years the tax-sisted Dome. Demremy, poor and hard pressed by reason of the war, might have its taxes remitted. The promise was given, and for 360 years the tax-gatherer never visited Domremy.

It is interesting to note that as long ago as 1479, the Portuguese, the original discoverers of the land, conferred upon one of their earliest settlements the name La Mina (Elmina), in honor of the quantity of gold obtained there-from. We know also on reliable authority, writes John George Leigh in the Engineering Magazine, that Cap-tain Thomas Windham on a single oc-casion in 1551 conveyed to England 159 casion in 1551 conveyed to England 159 pounds of gold dust, and that a second English expedition, fitted out a few years later under Captain John Lok, brought from the now famed golden land precious metal weighing 400 pounds and 250 elephant tusks. In more recent years, private estimates and official returns serve only to increase the surprise that gold has not been forthcoming in larger quantities. The Royal African Company sent a mission to Kumasi, an interesting account of which appears in a book published in 1819 by T. Edward Bowditch. one of the delegation. If Kumasi really was what Bowditch described it, its wealth must have been astonishing, for we are told that, at the reception of the mission, "the sun was reflected, with a glare scarcely more supportable than the heat, from the massive gold orna-ments which glistered in every direction." The king sat on a throne, and was respicadent with breast-plate, anklets and sword hilt, all of solid gold; his guards wore belts and his band played instruments of the same preci-ous metal; even the most lowly of his attendants were decorated with layers of fine gold chains, while every native In the town seems to have been adorn-ed with what would now be costly jewelry. Echnes of the same tale have come to us in later years; for instance, Captain Bolsrugen, after visiling the Ashanti capital in 1892 wrote that "The king alone was a sight to bee, being a mass of gold from a kind of fireman's belingt he had on to the tips of his sandals, which alone must have been worth some hundreds of pounds."____

TOO LATE.

Dean Smith of the Vale medical chool once cited a hypothetical case to t class, and asked one student how much of a certain medicine should be administered to the sufferer. "A tea-spoonful," said the young man, but af-ter reflecting for a minute he said he would like to change his answer. "My young friend," said the dean, dryly, "your patient has been dead for 40 sec-onds.

CHARLES VII AND THE MAID -F LOOKING FOR PRIVATE OF THE DEAD MAN.

> ed-Public Administrator Anxious To Handle the Rich Estate.

> NEW YORK, August 18.-Justice Gige Rich, in the supreme court today, on the application of attorneys for Mrs. Theresa Alice Osirichs, issued an order directing the New York Stock Ex-change Company to permit either Mrs Ocirichs in person or her counsel to ex-amine a private safe belonging to the late Charles Fair. The examination is for the purpose of ascertaining whether any will executed by Mr. Fair is in his private safe. Justice Gige Rich's order further directs that should a will be found it shall be deposited in the office of the clerk of the surrogate's court. Mrs. Oclrichs is not to have the right to examine any other papers in the box except so far as to ascertain

whether there is a will there.

Mrs. Ocirichs, accompanied by her lawyer, went to the Stock Exchange vaults this afternoon and efforts were

left the place through a rear door.
When Col. Jay, the lawyer, was asked concerning the contents of the box he refused to talk. Mr. Wright was also reticent. The experts, after re-moving the combination, took one from another box and put it on the safe, SAN FRANCISCO, August 18.—Judge

Carroll Cook today postponed the hearing of the application of the public administrator Farnham, for special let-ters of administration over the exates her look like the angel of France presiding over the resuscitation of the kingdom she had saved.

"When Charles was at length, with great ceremony, crowned and anointed King of France, and the Archbishop had pronounced the Benediction, a very touching and, in the history of Corrected. ord. -asd Attorney Heggerty has little to say

today in regard to the situation.
"We are waiting the arrival of Mrs.
Fair's relatives," he said, "and do not
by any means expect a legal battle, as has been intimated. Beyond that I can

The great steamships being built by the Eastern Shipbuilding Company on the Thames river, across from New London, Conn., are expected to com-pletely revolutionize the carrying trade of the Pacific. The two steamships under construction there are for James J. Hill of the Great Northern Steamship Company of St. Paul, and their special disposition is to serve as a line running between San Francisco, Seat-tle and Hongkong, Yokohama, Manila and other ports. It is expected that there will be twenty or even more of these great transpacific carriers, which, it is thought, will have a wonderful result in developing the commerce of the western part of the United States with the Orient. These vessels will sail from the Pacific Coast tri-weekly, taking 5000 carloads, or 10,000 tons, of freight, which must be collected and handled each week in this territory. When it is considered that the capacity of each of these new vessels will equal that of half a dozen steamers of ordinary size. an idea of the possibilities of the new line will be realized. Each of these vessels, of 20,000 tons capacity, will be able to carry 43 head of cartle, 5000 tons of coal and 8000 tons of water. An entire locomotive can be shipped, sei up and ready to run on some Oriental railroad, 1500 passengers can be accom-modated—150 first class, 150 second lass, 200 third class and 1000 steerage —besides a crew of 300. According to information given out, these ships will be 30 per cent stronger than any ves-sels now affoat, for they are incased in a buil of solid steel three inches in thickness. They are built for stability. and comfort rather than speed, yet the 12,000 horse-power engines will drive them through the water at the rate of fourteen knots. The finest ventilating and cold-storage plants will be pos-scased by these vessels. Horstofore it has been reported that they are to ply between Puget Sound and the Orient, but later advices are to the effect that they will make San Francisco a regular port of call. Before many months the first of these 20,000-ton stehmships will be on the way here from the East

ARRESTED PLANT GROWTH. The stunted trees and shrubs of the Japanese have been the wonder and envy of gardeners the world over. But envy of gardeners the world over. But a German chemist now comes along and does something which even the Japanese could hardly be expected to do. The story goes that he has prepared a fluid that has the power, when injected into the tissues of a plant, near its roots, of anosthising the plant. As a result of this injection, the plant does not die, but stops growing, maintaining its fresh, green appearance, though its vitality is apparently suspended. Changes in temperature seem in nowise

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